RP Reds now train Maoist rebs in India

By Jerome Aning

THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE Philippines (CPP) is not only thriving, it is exporting its cadres to train Maoist insurgents in India, according to reports reaching the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA).

A DFA senior official, who asked not to be named saying he did not want to preempt an official reaction from the agency, said the Philippine government was expecting an official request from New

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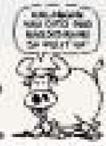
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IS POP STAR LADY Gaga a hermaphrodite? Can you get cash or merchandise for forwarding an e-mail message? Can drinking soda straight from the can make you sick?



TRUE OR A4

₱700-M poll scam junked

1.8-M ballot secrecy folders found to be priced at ₱380 each

By Lolla B. Salaverria

SOMEONE TRIED TO pull a fast one with a ₱700-million contract while everyone was busy preparing for the May 10 automated elections.

The Commission on Elections (Comelec) nearly bought 1.8 million ballot secrecy folders at ₱380 each, but decided to recall the purchase from OTC Paper Supply, calling it "extravagant."

Comelec Chair Jose Melo himself had refused to sign the purchase order.

The Comelec en banc issued a resolution yesterday taking back its decision to award the contract to OTC Paper Supply.

"It was also discovered after redeliberation that the purchase price of ₱380 per ballot secrecy folder is extravagant beyond the ordinary needs of the Commission," Resolution No. 8814 stated.

While the decision to award the contract had been made, the actual contract has not yet been signed.

The ballot secrecy folders would be used by voters to shield their ballots from prying eyes while they make their choices. A ballot only costs ₱2.50 each.

Under the design earlier approved by the Comelec, the folder would be 20 inches long, 9.5 inches wide and colored royal blue. It would have an expandable spine and would be made of a polypropylene sheet, a kind of plastic that is used to make food containers, toothbrushes

₱700-M POLL A6



ALL IN THE FAMILY President Macapagal-Arroyo holds hands with her family (from left) granddaughter Monique, daughter Luli Arroyo-Bernas, daughter-in-law Angela, son Mikey Arroyo and granddaughter Mikaela during a thanksgiving Mass in celebration of the President's 63rd birthday at the St. Augustine Parish church in Lubao, Pampanga, on Monday.

21 priests say Mass for GMA day

By Christian V. Esguerra and Charlene Cayabyab
Inquirer Central Luzon

LUBAO, PAMPANGA—PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo spent her 63rd birthday yesterday in her home province, where she hopes to extend her political career by taking her elder son's seat as the representative of its second district in Congress.

Dressed in a light blue pantsuit, Ms Arroyo motored to her hometown Lubao for a birthday Mass concelebrated by Archbishop Paciano Aniceto and 20 priests at the old St. Augustine Church.

She arrived at the church promptly at 9 a.m. accompanied by her son, Pampanga Rep. Juan Miguel "Mikey"

21 PRIESTS A4

Gloria starts 3-nation, 7-day trip this week

By Christian V. Esguerra

LUBAO, PAMPANGA—WITH HER husband now on the road to recovery, President Macapagal-Arroyo will be back on the road as well and will embark on a seven-day, three-nation swing starting this week.

Also on her schedule are regular visits to the second district of Pampanga,

GLORIA A4

Stop 'Villarroyo' talk, GMA orders party

By Christian V. Esguerra and Nestor P. Burgos Jr.

FIX THE "VILLARROYO" MESS.

President Macapagal-Arroyo has ordered ruling party officials to squelch reports that she is backing Sen. Manuel Villar and abandoning the administration's standard-bearer, Gilbert Teodoro.

In response, the executive committee of the Lakas-Kampi-CMD party is set to issue a manifesto after its meeting today, reasserting Teodoro of its support, said House Deputy Speaker Amelita Villarosa, the new party chair.

"Do something about this talk—fix it," Villarosa quoted the President as telling her and other party officials during their recent visit to St. Luke's Medical Center-Global City in Taguig, where First Gentleman Jose Miguel Arroyo is confined

STOP A4

Swiss-Filipino kidnap pinned on Abu Sayyaf

By Julie S. Alipala
Inquirer Mindanao
and Jocelyn R. Uy
in Manila

ZAMBOANGA CITY—CHARLIE Reith, a 72-year-old Swiss-Filipino, was having drinks with friends in his seaside vacation house here on Sunday night when eight gunmen in military uniform burst in and said they were searching for illegal drugs.

They grabbed the cell phones of all those present, stripped one of the guests of his watch

SWISS A4



CHARLIE Reith, 72

LAKAS FUND WOES

Villarosa blames Pichay

By Tonette Orejas
Inquirer Central Luzon

DEPUTY SPEAKER MA. AMELITA Villarosa has blamed one of the administration party's chief campaigners, Prospero Pichay, for problems on the allocation of funds to bankroll the campaign of its senatorial candidates.

"It's Butch Pichay who handles the senatorial funds. I will ask Butch how funds are allocated or how these are handled," Villarosa, the new chair of the ruling party, said in Lubao, Pampanga.

While saying that funds were solely the concern of Pichay, Villarosa said the party was not inclined to give cash to its national or local candidates.

"Money is not given to candidates. We spend it on logistical support, payment for advertisements, printing of posters and sample ballots. That's what we give," she said.

In Leyte, a local Lakas-Kampi-CMD candidate said he had yet to receive campaign funds from the party.

However, Ernesto Fabi, a former mayor of Babatngon town

VILLAROSA A6

Storms set back agri output in '09

By Kate Y. Pedroso
Inquirer Research

IN 2009, THE AGRICULTURE, FISHERY and forestry sectors (AFF) accounted for a fifth, or 18 percent, of the country's gross domestic product and employed about a third of the labor force.

Of the 35 million Filipinos employed in 2009, around 12 million were in the

STORMS A10

Government says yield is up, but 'where's the rice?'

By Franz Jonathan G. de la Fuente and Jacques I. Jimeno
Contributors

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THINK ISSUES

i-TEAM Report

Fernando del Mundo
Chief

FOR NILO MARQUEZ, planting rice is never fun with the spiraling cost of seeds, fertilizer and pesticides.

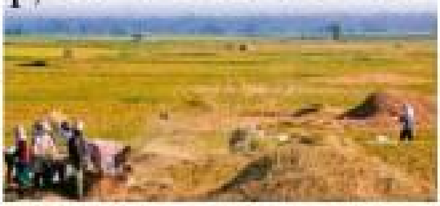
For the last 10 years, Marquez has been farming a one-hectare paddy in Bulacan's rural town of Pandi.

He had just planted his field to palay in February at the onset of a prolonged dry spell caused by the El Niño phenomenon. Five months earlier, he had to contend with Tropical Storms "Ondoy" and "Pepeng."

Earnings off the land could barely sustain his family of six.

"Farming is not enough anymore. If there are other opportunities, I'd grab them," says Marquez, who looks much older than his 49 years, with warts encircling his eyes and his hair

GOV'T SAYS A11



HARVEST TIME Miracles do happen every now and then on the rice fields, like having a motorized blower on this farm in Tiaong, Quezon, that spares farmers the back-breaking task of separating palay from the stalks.

Second FrontPage



Verzosa summons cop chiefs to Crame



BRIGHT SMILES of Filipino migrant workers (top photo) greet former President Joseph Estrada in Hong Kong where he, running mate Jejomar Binay and senatorial candidates Juan Ponce Enrile and Jinggoy Estrada campaigned for overseas votes on Easter Sunday. The Pwersa ng Masang Pilipino team was in Hong Kong for two days.

By Marlon Ramos

BARELY A MONTH BEFORE THE MAY 10 BALLOTING, THE POLICE chiefs of the country's 1,634 towns and cities will meet this week to discuss the latest directive on the elections issued by the Philippine National Police chief, Director General Jesus Verzosa.

Verzosa told reporters yesterday he would be meeting separately with police chiefs from Luzon, the Visayas and Mindanao starting this Wednesday.

Aside from ironing out security preparations, the police chiefs will receive copies of the PNP's 10-point guidelines "Ang 10 Utos Para Sa Halalan 2010" (The 10 Rules for Elections 2010).

"This (the guidelines) will be our norm of conduct for the elections," Verzosa explained.

"We want to inform them of our [election] duties and stress the role of the ESCC [Election Security Control Center]," he said.

He downplayed rumors that he had issued the directive to thwart an alleged plot to extend the term of President Macapagal-Arroyo by disrupting the country's first automated polls.

In his order, Verzosa directed the police force to "support whoever gets the mandate of the people."

Verzosa will preside over the meeting of police chiefs from Luzon in Camp Crame tomorrow. Police chiefs from the Visayas and Mindanao will be meeting separately in Cebu City and General Santos City.

Copies of the PNP chief's directive will be distributed to all police stations starting April 7.

"We will remind them that policemen should stay nonpartisan and that they should seek the help of the community and our religious leaders," Verzosa said.

For the nth time, the PNP chief also [illegible] fears that the May elections might fail because of issues over the safekeeping of election paraphernalia.

He said all PNP units in the regional and provincial levels have been meeting with election officials to discuss the storage of the precinct count optical scan (PCOS) machines, ballots and other materials needed for the automated balloting.

Verzosa said the PNP will utilize its helicopters, rubber boats and other vehicles to safely transport the PCOS machines.

He stressed that the Commission on Elections, not the military or the police, was the one that will decide the security arrangements concerning the custody of election paraphernalia.

The law provides for the 76,000 PCOS machines and other election materials to be stored in hubs and sub-hubs, to be manned by police and military personnel, at least three days before the elections. They are to be brought to some 36,000 polling places on May 10.

NIA execs suspended for neglect

JOINT
DADITAMA (DAVAO, DIGOS, TAGUM, MATI) PASTORAL STATEMENT ON AERIAL SPRAYING

We, the Archbishop of Davao and Bishops of Digos, Tagum, and Mati and our auxiliary Bishop, gathered in the Bishop's House, Tagum City from 2-3 December 2009, together with our Vicars General, Pastoral Directors and Lay Leaders of different Apostolates and Programs, do hereby declare:

That, in our desire to be informed of the issue on aerial spraying, we have invited the following concerned groups:

1) Mamamayang Ayaw sa Aerial Spray (MAAS) / Interface Development Interventions, Incorporated (IDIS) represented by Ms. Anne Fuentes;
2) Philippine Banana Growers and Exporters Association (PBGEA) led by Mr. Stephen Antig;
3) Department of Health (DOH) Davao del Norte Led by Engr. Rex Labadia and Dr. Agapito Hornido;
4) Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) led by Mr. Turbilla;
5) Department of Agriculture (DA) led by Mr. Rodrigo Madarang - Fertilizers and Pesticides Authority....

That we have asked for clarification from each group presentation. After the clarifications have been made, we thanked the presentors and their companions and presented them with gifts symbolic of our gratitude and appreciation.

That we ended our quarterly meeting without a collective decision on the issues on aerial spraying.

That on 2-3 March 2010, our first quarterly meeting of the year, we clustered ourselves and discussed again the aerial spraying issue by asking the question: "Based on the pros and cons on the aerial spraying issue, what can be the DADITAMA stand?"

That on March 3, after listening to the cluster reports, we the spiritual leaders of this ecclesiastical province of Davao have decided to make the following statements:

1. Based on the information and clarifications gathered during the two quarterly meetings, we believe that there are no sufficient data to warrant total ban on aerial spraying.
2. To avoid future harmful effects in the use of fungicides safety measures in the regulated use of fungicides should be strictly implemented with corresponding sanctions by collective efforts of national agencies, LGU's, and local NGOs.
3. We recommend that the multi-partite monitoring team established by the government agencies to be more active in monitoring the operations of banana plantations to do more exhaustive study and scientific research on the effects of aerial spraying in their respective areas of responsibilities.
4. We recommend to everyone concerned to seriously consider the CBCP recommendation regarding the shift to organic farming as a safer agricultural practice.
5. We deplore the distortion of the issue by ideological and vested interest groups.
6. We urge all contending parties to sit down together to resolve the issues through a truthful and mutually respectful dialogue for the sake of the common good.

Signed:

Fernando R. Capalla
Archbishop of Davao

Wilfredo D. Manlapaz
Bishop of Tagum

Patricio H. Alo
Bishop of Mati

Guillermo V. Afable
Bishop of Digos

George B. Rimando
Auxiliary Bishop of Davao

Bro. Mike's party-list nomination opposed

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Dick: Lapid a better bet than Noynoy

SC-created tribunal illegal, says lawyer

19 Pinoys in hijacked vessel

Kmart told to pay Pinay, 70, for age harassment

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Catholics for Choice hails Cabral stand on condoms

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Now, Comelec needs lamps to spot ultraviolet mark on ballots

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True or false? Snopes sift through 'cesspool'

Fact-checking biz

Full-time job

2 Palparan campaigners found dead

DAVAO CITY—TWO POLL CAMPAIGNERS of retired Maj. Gen. Jovito Palparan's Bantay party-list group were found dead after they were abducted by unidentified men in Calinan District here, police said on Sunday.



FORMER Chief Justice Hilario Davide Jr. talks to journalists with his son, Hilario "Junjun" Davide III, who is seeking the gubernatorial post in Cebu.

Davide endorses Aquino, Roxas

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Road project gains cited, but fishing families unhappy

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Vicar general of Archdiocese of Palo dies

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Plagiarism

EDITORIAL

THE CASE OF TYCOON MANUEL V. PANGILINAN, who was recently involved in a plagiarism controversy, points up the risk one takes when he enlists the help of a ghostwriter or an assistant in writing a speech. Unless his assistant is a very trustworthy person, he cannot be sure that the former will not commit plagiarism.

To Pangilinan's credit, although the plagiarism was committed by two Ateneo students who helped him write the speech, he took full and sole responsibility for the act, and offered to resign as chair of Ateneo de Manila University's board of trustees.

Pangilinan is not the first to be involved in a plagiarism controversy, nor will he be the last. William Shakespeare is thought to have liberally sprinkled his work with ideas borrowed from fellow playwrights. But one critic said, "If this is plagiarism, perhaps we need more of it."

T.S. Eliot is thought to have borrowed a big amount of the content of his poem "The Waste Land" from a lesser known poet, Madison Cawein.

Short story writer Jack London was accused of using other authors' works as a basis for his own, particularly "The Call of the Wild."

More recently, Alex Haley settled out of court for $650,000 after he was accused of plagiarizing more than 80 passages of Harold Courlander's "The African" for his own Pulitzer Prize-winning work, "Roots."

Authors Michael Baigent and Richard Leigh accused Dan Brown of using "the whole architecture" of their "Holy Blood and The Holy Grail" book.

Plagiarism is the act of passing off as one's own the ideas or writings of another. The Modern Language Association of the United States defines plagiarism thus: "To use another's ideas or expressions in your writing is to plagiarize. Plagiarism, then, constitutes intellectual theft. … [I]t is a moral and ethical offense rather than a legal one, since most instances of plagiarism fall outside the scope of copyright infringement."

Wilson Mizner, a colorful American playwright and raconteur, made this famous statement: "If you steal from one it's plagiarism; if you steal from many, it's research."

To avoid the charge of plagiarism, academicians have adopted three conventions: (1) If you use someone else's ideas, you should cite the source; (2) If the way you're using the source is unclear, make it clear; and (3) If you received help from someone in writing the paper (or report or speech), acknowledge it. Even if one is paraphrasing, one is still using someone else's ideas and arguments, and must cite the original work.

A mild form of plagiarism goes on all the time in journalism. News organizations and reporters save clippings of news stories and articles and later use them in their stories without acknowledging the source or sources. Some editors say this is no big deal when the material being lifted is from one's own paper but it is more serious when the words and ideas are lifted from other writers and other papers without credit.

One columnist who was caught plagiarizing some other people's writings three times said his problem was that he had a photographic memory and sometimes forgot that he was using other writers' material. The columnist was asked to stop writing his column after the third offense.

Government officials, politicians and celebrities are among the people who frequently use the services of ghostwriters and assistants in writing articles and speeches and thus run the risk of mouthing plagiarized passages. They generally want to make their speeches read and sound well. Some may know how to write good speeches but want to save time. But they should choose their ghostwriters and assistants well to avoid the embarrassment of being accused of plagiarism.

In the case of Pangilinan, the fault was that of his assistants, but he gallantly took full and sole responsibility for the "borrowed" parts of his speech. Taken as a whole, as he said, the body and substance of his speech represented his own story and his thoughts. Even if we excise the plagiarized portions, it is still a good and inspiring speech for new university graduates.



Pissing on graves

VIEWPOINT

Juan L. Mercado

"WILL THE 14TH PHILIPPINE PRESIDENT spit on the grave of the 9th Philippine President?"

Over Holy Week, a Hong Kong-based writer, a housewife and a doctor asked that question. [illegible]

[illegible]

"Thank you for [illegible]"

Email: [illegible]

Resurrection

THERE'S THE RUB

Conrado de Quiros

AT THE RISK OF BEING UNKIND, I HAVE TO [illegible]

[illegible]

It's enough to make you wonder if this country, after being dead for so long, isn't about to get resurrected.

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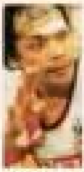


2 Pinoy pugs make it to medal round

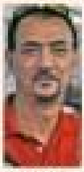
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Blast from the past at 35th year rites



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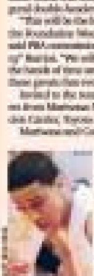


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Norwood shines for Painters on both ends



NORWOOD

Hope, UST Shakey's girls volley favorites



Angping sticks to Asiad target of 10 golds





Spurs dump Lakers, bag playoff seat



Woods shows up for practice



Taiwanese rules Nabisco; Rosales shares 72nd spot

After Clottey, Raging Bore, what to make out of Hopkins-Jones?

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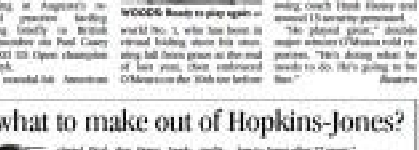


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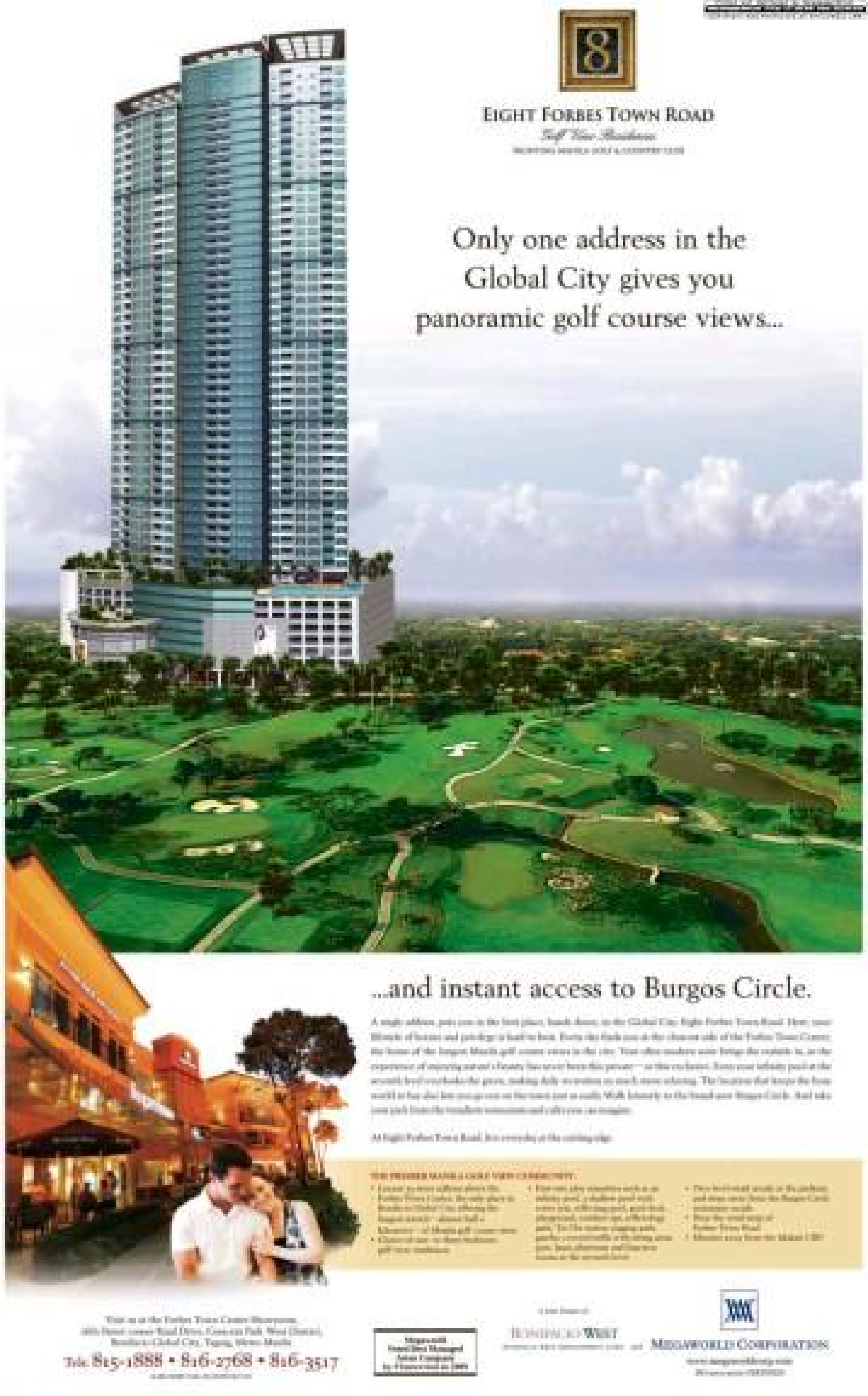
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Cyril L. Bonabente, Inquirer Research

MANDALUYONG PNP CONTROVERSY

9-man police team sacked

ALL MEMBERS OF THE Mandaluyong City Police's Drug Enforcement Unit (DEU) have been relieved of their posts following the arrest last week of a colleague who allegedly tried to extort P250,000 from a drug suspect in exchange for the release of his confiscated vintage car.

Ombudsman dismisses raps vs Tiñga

THE OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN HAS dismissed for lack of probable cause the charges filed against Taguig Mayor Freddie Tiñga and 20 other people in connection with the demolition of houses and other structures in the Libingan ng mga Bayani two years ago.

Supporters of mayor, rival trade accusations

NCRPO: No election 'hot spot' in metropolis

Ombudsman ...

More UP-PGH doctors to go on leave

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Fire razes shanties; photographer robbed

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Transport leader killed

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Ramon Tulfo

Thai protesters storm Election Commission

2 killed in new Russian suicide bombing

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Child sex abuse cost US Catholic church $3 billion

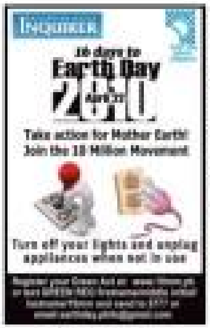
CHICAGO—THE PEDOPHILE PRIEST CRISIS has cost the US Roman Catholic church nearly $3 billion, but only a fraction of the perpetrators faced prison and little has been done to punish those who covered up the crimes.

After years of painful revelations, massive payouts, soul-searching and reforms, the child sex abuse scandal has spread across the globe and in recent weeks has struck the Church at its very core.

[illegible]

"We now face the largest institutional crisis in centuries, possibly in Church history," the US-based National Catholic Reporter wrote in an editorial demanding "direct answers" from the Holy Father.

[illegible] AFP





TALLER THAN LIBERTY STATUE Senegal's controversial African Renaissance statue, world's tallest, unveiled on Saturday in Dakar. AFP

Senegal statue unveiled amid pomp, criticism

DAKAR—SENEGAL ON SATURDAY unveiled a multi-million dollar statue marking 50 years of independence, with 19 African heads of state attending the ceremony which sparked mass protests by opposition members.

[illegible] AFP

Powerful quake rocks Southern California

LOS ANGELES—A POWERFUL earthquake southeast of Tijuana shook Southern California on Sunday afternoon, damaging buildings in border towns [illegible]

[illegible] AFP

NEW JETS MARK AIRPHIL EXPRESS RELAUNCH

Low cost carrier Air Philippines is re-launching itself under the brand name Airphil Express starting March 28, 2010 with the acquisition of two Airbus A320-200 aircraft.

The two A320s, sporting the new Airphil Express livery and configured monoclass of 177 seats, will fly starting March 28 from Manila to Iloilo, Bacolod, Puerto Princesa and Cagayan De Oro, signaling the resumption of jet service to these domestic points.

The first A320, with registry number RP-C3227, will be formally blessed in a simple ceremony on March 27 at the airline's hangar at Nichols, Pasay City.

Airphil Express is acquiring a total of 20 new airplanes over the next four years, to be added to the current fleet of eight Bombardier Q400 and Q300 turbo-prop aircraft.

Aside from the two leased narrow-body jets, four brand-new A320s will also be delivered from Airbus' manufacturing facility in Toulouse, France, between September and November 2010. Four more A320 aircraft will join the fleet next year, five aircraft in 2012 and another five in 2013.

"We want to position Airphil Express as a low cost carrier offering quality service," said David Lim, President of Airphil Express. "The modernization of our fleet will hopefully enable us to increase market share while the industry braces for the eventual rebound."

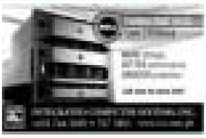
The route network of Airphil Express will continue to expand as it adds to its existing flights to the following domestic destinations: Tuguegarao, Naga, San Jose (Mindoro), Busuanga, Boracay (Caticlan), Catarman, Calbayog, Tacloban, Ormoc, Iloilo, Bacolod, Cebu, Surigao, Dipolog, Cagayan De Oro, Ozamiz, Zamboanga, Davao and Masbate.

More domestic points will be added to the route network when more jets join the fleet.

For additional information as well as booking and ticketing requirements, visit www.airphilexpress.com.



BUSINESS



Port king ventures into casino operations

Razon buys Pagcor-licensed firm from Palawan exec

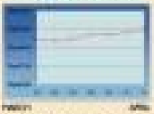
By Paolo G. Montecillo

BUSINESSMAN ENRIQUE K RAZON JR. HAS set his sights on the lucrative local casino industry with the acquisition of one of the four companies given the right to develop 85 hectares of reclaimed land in Parañaque City into Asia's next major gambling hub.

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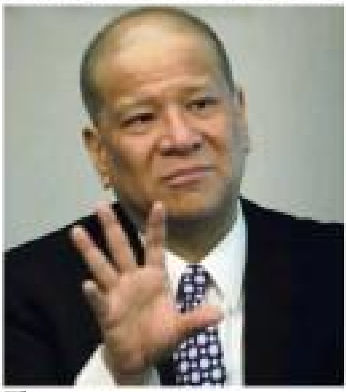


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By Ronnel W. Domingo

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DTI upbeat on investments

BOI, Peza post increase in project registrations

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BUSINESS

Maynilad sets '10 capex at ₱6.6B

Asiatrust stock surges 33% on buyout news

The recovery table

MARKET RIDER



Bottom line up

How it works

% Loss of Initial Capital	% Gain to Recover Loss
5	5.3
10	11.1
15	17.6
20	25.0
25	33.3
30	42.9
35	53.8
40	66.7
45	81.8
50	100.0
55	122.2
60	150.0
65	185.7
70	233.3
75	300.0
80	400.0
85	566.7
90	900.0

Benguet Corp. exits Kalinga mine project

PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE

CURRENCIES

Editor: Thelma Sioson San Juan
LIFESTYLE Wellness



How to control one's fears —the BodyTalk way



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By [illegible]
Contributor

WHAT WE ACQUIRE, BREATHE, DRINK AND eat come from the environment. When we throw poison to the soil and waterways, we eat and drink poison in small doses.

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BodyTalk

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Freedom from fear

[illegible]

Ease of breathing

[illegible]



How to maximize one's running performance

By Mitch Felipe-Mendoza
Contributor



FITNESS experts and running coaches: Armand Mendoza Jr., Mitch Felipe, Herman Pascual, Unilab's Nina Mendiola, Arnie Carino, Max Villas, Jay Valencia, Ige Lopez and Patrick Joson



SENIORS' match race

THE RUN UNITED FOR WELLness was recently held at Bonifacio Global City. Attended by more than 3,000 participants, it was the first major run of Unilab (United Laboratories) opened to its employees and the public.

Wellness village

Family affair

Fish, cereals, eggs, olives help prevent muscle cramps



INSIDE OUT
Cory Quirino

Law of Lifetime Growth

Stay informed

Body wisdom

Relaxing bath

How emotions affect the body

By Margo C. Enriquez
Contributor

Point of light

Thought patterns

Summer camp for volleyball players



SHAKEY'S V-League Summer Camp will be held at SM Megamall.

Why psychic surgery baffles scientists

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INNER AWARENESS
Jaime T. Licauco



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Cooking, baking classes for kids

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'Siopao' promo

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WHAT'S UP

Sun promo

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Workshop on Mt. Banahaw

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Bridal fair

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New 3D cinema

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Bikini showdown

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Summer packages on team-building, leadership seminars

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How to lose big and live the life of your dreams



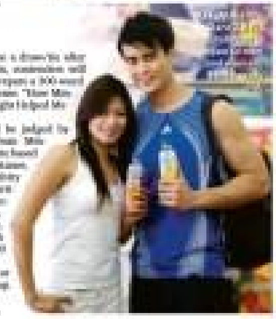








Lose weight, win prizes



Registration for Earth Day run ongoing

ENTERTAINMENT

Editor: Ronnie S. Velardo

Akon welcome in The Maldives

COLOMBO—THE MALDIVES STEPPED IN LAST WEEK to offer US rap star Akon a replacement concert, after his scheduled appearance in Sri Lanka next month was scuttled by protesting Buddhist monks. "We are very happy he is planning to come and perform," President Mohamed Nasheed's press secretary Mohamed Zuhair told AFP by telephone from the atoll nation. AFP

Gary Granada records 'graduation' CD

By Pocholo Concepcion



SINGER-SONGWRITER GARY Granada is considered one of the country's best. His eloquence and melodic gifts have produced some of the finest contemporary Pinoy folk songs for nearly three decades.

His first recorded work, "Kahit Konti," was sung by Florante in the 1981 Metropop Festival and won second prize.

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Willie, Best of 'teleserye' still neck and neck

THE TOP-SELLING ALBUMS in the Philippines for the week March 22-28, based on Odyssey Music & Video store chain's nationwide sales reports:

OPM

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Overall

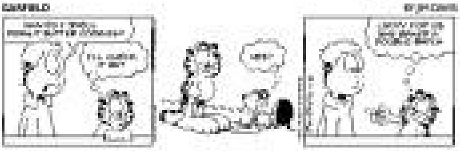
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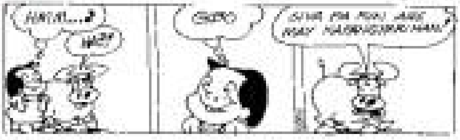
AXN Action Tuesdays with NCIS:LA and Leverage Season 2



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GARFIELD — BY JIM DAVIS

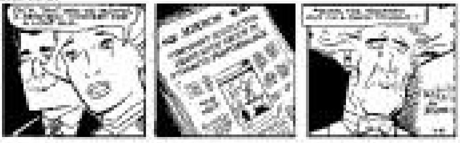


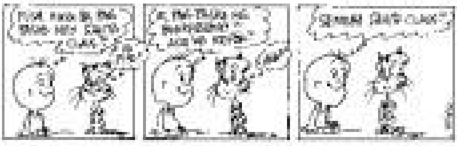


PUGAD BABOY — BY PM JUNIOR

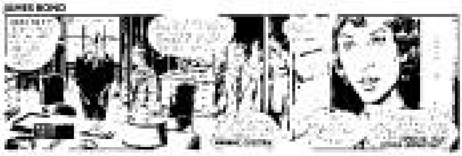


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DIVINE COMEDY



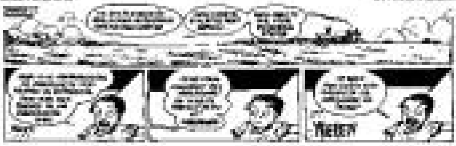
BABY BLUES — BY JERRY SCOTT







KIKO MACHINE



SHERMAN'S LAGOON — BY JIM TOOMEY



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HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

5		4		2		3		7
			6		5			
2								4
	1			7			9	
4			9		2			5
	6			3			4	
7								9
			3		4			
1		9		5		8		6

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

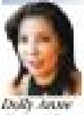
Angel just wants to have good, clean fun

Hanging out in bars doesn't make her an alcoholic just as going to church doesn't make one a saint





DOLLY WOOD



Dolly Anne Carvajal

Gary Granada ...

